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SUBJ: RAID ON PHILOSOPHICAL SEMINAR

1. WESTERN DIPLOMATIC SOURCE HAS CONFIRMED TO EMB
REUTERS STORY ABOUT POLICE INTERFERENCE WITH FEB 9-10
GATHERING BELGRADE PHILOSOPHY PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS
AT DIVCIBARA MOUNTAIN RETREAT IN SOUTHWEST SERBIA. HE
SAID MEETING WAS DESIGNED AS WINTER VERSION OF KORCULA
CONFERENCES SPONSORED BY (1) BELGRADE PHILOSOPHICAL
JOURNAL FILOSOFIJA; (2) BELGRADE UNIVERSITY PHILOSOPHICAL
FACULTY GROUP UNDER LEADERSHIP OF PROF. MIHAJLO MRAKOVIC
(ONE OF EIGHT PHILOSOPHERS CURRENTLY UNDER FIRE) AND
(3) SERBIAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY. REPRESENTATIVES OF
ZAGREB PHILOSOPHICAL MAGAZINE PRAXIS WERE ALSO PRESENT.

2. AS REPORTED IN REUTERS STORY, POLICE BROKE UP DIVCIBARE
SEMINAR FEB. 10 AND QUESTIONED PARTICIPANTS. POLICE ALSO
SEIZED TAPED TRANSCRIPT OF MEETING UP TO THAT POINT.
SUBJECT OF SEMINAR WAS "CULTURE AND REVOLUTION". POLICE
ALSO APPARENTLY ARRESTED FIVE STUDENTS OF THE BELGRADE
PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY AND SEARCHED THEIR HOMES. THE STUDENTS
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WERE SOON RELEASED. IN RESPONSE TO DIVCIBARE RAID, PARTICI-

PANTS REPORTEDLY SENT PROTEST TELEGRAM TO THE SERBIAN GOVERNMENT, CALLING THE ACTION "VIOLATION OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM".

3. AS ADDITIONAL CONFIRMATION OF STORY, CHARGE SAW MARKOVIC IN DIVCIBARE AREA OVER WEEKEND, THOUGH HAD NO OPPORTUNITY TO CONVERSE.
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